

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/051,670

Applicant(s)
Nakagawa et al.

Examiner
David S. Romeo

Group Art Unit
1646



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) David S. Romeo

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(2) Jennifer A. Camacho

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Date of Interview 24 May 2000

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 5 and 6

Identification of prior art discussed:

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Deleting "; and isolating the expressed protein, whereby the protein is expressed in culture and isolated therefrom" in claim 6, lines 8-10, would overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection with respect to obtaining a protein comprising SEQ ID NO:3 in a mammalian host that cleaves the signal peptide. The discrepancy between the amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO:1 and the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 was only discovered after the interview summary of 19 April 2000, thereby necessitating the non-final Office action (Paper No. 17).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

David Romeo 5/24/00
DAVID ROMEO
PATENT EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.